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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PINR, HU, UK

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF HUNGARIAN ATTACHES - ROUND II

REF: LONDON 6266

1. STUNG BY SPLASHY PRESS PLAY GIVEN INCIDENT INVOLVING HUNGARIAN MILITARY ATTACHES (REFTEL). HUNGARIAN EMBASSY HAS COUNTERATTACKED WITH EXTRAORDINARY PRESS RELEASE ATTACKING BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR VIOLATING VIENNA CONVENTION BY DETAINING HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATS AND ACCUSING BRITISH MEDIA OF ATTEMPTING "TO DISTURB HUNGARIAN-BRITISH RELATIONS, TO POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE, AND TO CONCEAL THE UNWARRANTED BEHAVIOUR OF THE BRITISH POLICE."

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2. ON APRIL 30. FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND HAD RESPONDED

TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY CONSERVATIVE BACK-BENCHER
MICHAEL MCNAIR-WILSON BY GIVING FACTS SURROUNDING IN-
CIDENT AND NOTING THAT HMG HAD DECIDED NOT TO PNG THE
WAYWARD ATTACHES. (FULL TEXT OF QUESTION AND RESPONSE
BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND BUDAPEST.) THUS, FCO SOME-
WHAT PUZZLED AS TO HUNGARIAN MOTIVES FOR KEEPING ALIVE A
STORY WHICH IT CONSIDERED CLOSED. FCO DESK OFFICER HAS
INFORMED US THAT HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR HAZI ADMITTED TO
SENIOR FCO OFFICIAL DURING MAY 4 DINNER IN HONOR OF
VISITING HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK CHAIRMAN THAT PRESS
RELEASE HAD BEEN ISSUED ON DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM
BUDAPEST.

3. BRITISH HAVE ADVISED THEIR ATTACHES IN BUDAPEST TO
MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE, BUT TO DATE HAVE RECEIVED NO
INDICATIONS OF INCREASED SURVEILLANCE OR HARASSMENT.

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